CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with claim **[~~1~~]9**, wherein

the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with claim **[~~1~~]9**, wherein

the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

4. (Cancelled)

5. **(Currently Amended)** A sealing device in accordance with claim **[~~1~~]9**, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. **(Currently Amended)** **A sealing device comprising:**

a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction ~~**A sealing device in accordance with claim 5**~~,

wherein ~~**an end**~~ **a limiting** stop is formed on the sealing body in a position which lies within the recess.

9. **(Currently Amended)** **A sealing device comprising:**

a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, said sealing device having a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction ~~**A sealing device in accordance with claim 1**~~,

wherein the sealing body is attached to the conducting element by a positive retainer **comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing cuff and at least one recess in the connector body**.

10. **(Cancelled)**

11. **(Currently Amended)** A method in accordance with claim **[**~~**10**~~**]14**, further comprising the step of fixing the sealing body with a clamping device that applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A method in accordance with claim **[**~~**10**~~**]14**, further comprising the step of:

screwing a sealing ring with an internal thread onto the conducting element which comprises the recess to fix the sealing body.

13. (Cancelled)

14. **(Currently Amended)** **A method for sealing comprising the steps of:**

- using a sealing device comprising a conducting element which can be inserted off-center in a through-hole in a housing wall, and which has a sealing body touching both the conducting element and the housing wall,

wherein in the region where the sealing body contacts the conducting element and the housing wall, the cross-sectional profile of the housing wall and the conducting element has at least one recess within which the sealing body can be moved in a radial direction, to seal an eccentric through-hole for the conducting element, through the housing wall of a gearbox, and ~~**A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising the step of:**~~

- attaching the sealing body to the conducting element by means of a positive retainer **comprising: at least one engagement rib provided on the sealing cuff and at least one recess in the connector body**.

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Cancelled)**

17. (Cancelled)

18. **(New)** A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, wherein

the sealing body has one axial seal located in the recess and a further radial seal which mates with a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.

19. **(New)** A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, wherein

the sealing body is operable to be fixed by means of a clamping device which applies a force to the sealing body in the axial direction.

20. **(New)** A sealing device in accordance with claim 8, further comprising a sealing ring with an internal thread screwed onto the conducting element to fix the sealing body with respect to the housing wall.

21. **(New)** A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising:

positioning an axial seal in the recess; and

positioning a further radial seal so as to engage a surface which bounds the space between the connector body and the housing wall.